

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
April 22, 2026

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilman Ken Kelly; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Michael Salerno; Councilman Adam Walcott; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Chief Steve Cunningham, Police Department; Captain Frank Gabriel, Fire Department; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, City Administrator/Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Walcott motioned, seconded by Councilman Levinson, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor, with one abstention from Councilwoman Albright. Motion approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor advised of his appointment of Ryan Brenner to the Board of Recreation.

4. Councilwoman Albright

A. Planning, Engineering, & Development

1. Councilwoman Albright advised an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading to vacate a portion of Edna Avenue.
2. Councilwoman Albright advised of a Resolution approving signage for the Atlantic County Numismatic Society Coin Show.
3. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution authorizing a refund to Dennis Donohoe with regard to a Development Review Committee Application fee. They withdrew the application.
4. Councilwoman Albright reviewed a Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 – Final with Arawak Paving Co., Inc with regard to the Improvements to Monroe Avenue
5. Councilwoman Albright discussed a Resolution authorizing a refund to Thomas & Carole Balsitis with regard to a sewer service expense at 15 Belhaven Avenue.

5. Councilman Kelly

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Kelly announced the Linwood Senior Citizen BBQ scheduled for Friday, May 29 at 12:00pm at the library.
2. Councilman Kelly discussed the lacrosse game held between Mainland Regional High School and Ocean City High School on the turf field at Memorial Park. The field use fee was waived for the event for future reciprocal potential.

6. Councilman Levinson

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Levinson reviewed an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and establish a CAP bank.
2. Councilman Levinson advised of a Resolution authorizing a refund and cancelation of taxes for a disabled veteran at 100 E. Seaview Avenue.

7. Councilman Walcoff
 - A. Public Works
 1. Councilman Walcoff advised of a Resolution authorizing entering into an Agreement with Atlantic County for Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Spraying. There is no cost to the City.
 2. Councilman Walcoff discussed a Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for the sale of City owned land and premises located at Block 127, Lots 2.02 and 2.03 in the City of Linwood. These are newly created lots on Edna Avenue. Councilman Levinson asked how the minimum bid price was established. Councilman Walcoff advised that real estate comparables were used and well as discussions with real estate professionals.
8. Council President Ford
 - A. Administration
 1. Council President Ford advised of a Resolution closing the meeting of April 22, 2026.
 2. Council President Ford reported on a Resolution designating August 2026 as Military Veterans Appreciation Month.
9. Solicitor's Report
 - A. Mr. Youngblood reported that due to a glitch in the Fair Share Housing Plan, the City will have to do an update. The Planning Board will again have to adopt a new housing element, and City Council will then endorse the plan.

At 6:08 P.M., Council President Ford called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
City Administrator/Municipal Clerk